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SUBJ: RAND DAILY MAIL ACCUSES US OF ENCOURAGING SA
IN ANGOLA.

RAND DAILY MAIL ON FEB 5 FRONTPAGED FOLLOWING ARTICLE UNDER
HEADLINE QTE DID MOYNIHAN SPARK SA MOVE? UNQTE. ARTICLE BYLINED
BY RICHARD WALKER FROM NEW YORK. FULL TEXT BELOW:

QTE. DID A SECRET SIGNAL FROM AMERICA'S OUTGOING UNITED NATIONS
AMBASSADOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN TO HIS SOUTH AFRICAN
COUNTERPART PIK BOTHA TRIGGER OFF SOUTH AFRICA'S ANGOLAN
ADVENTURE?

THE WASHINGTON POST YESTERDAY QUOTED " INFORMED SOURCES" IN
CAPE TOWN WHICH DECLARE THIS TO BE SO. THE UNITED STATES
AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA, MR. WILLIAM BOWDLER ALSO DELIVERED THE
SAME ENCOURAGEMENT DIRECTLY TO MR. VORSTER, IT IS FURTHER
CLAIMED.

SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA HAD THE BLESSING OF
SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES AND AT LEAST ONE FREE WORLD POWER, DEFENCE
MINISTER P.W. BOTHA TOLD THE WASHINGTON POST IN A FRONT-PAGE
INTERVIEW IN WHICH IT IS BROADLY HINTED THAT THE POWER
WAS THE UNITED STATES.

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" I WOULD BE THE LAST MAN TO DESTROY OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

WITH THE UNITED STATES" HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID.
PRESSED FURTHER TO SAY WHETHER THE REPUBLIC'S ANGOLA ADVENTURE
WAS ARRANGED BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND
SOUTH AFRICA'S BUREAU FOR STATE SECURITY, MR. BOTHA REPLIED,
" IF IT WAS SO, IT WAS NOT THE ONLY CHANNEL."

THE POST THEN QUOTES " INFORMED SOURCES" IN CAPE TOWN STATING
THAT THE US ENCOURAGEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY AMERICA'S UN
AMBASSADOR MR. DANIEL MOYNIHAN TO HIS SOUTH AFRICAN OPPOSITE
NUMBER MR. PIK BOTHA.

WITH THE GROWING PROSPECT OF BLACK-MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA,
WOULD SOUTH AFRICA BECOME THE LAST WHITE BASTION, AND COULD IT
SURVIVE IN ITS PRESENT FORM, MR. BOTHA WAS ASKED.

" WE ARE NOT FIGHTING THE CONTINENT. WE ARE FIGHTING THE
INTERVENTION. THE CONTINENT NEEDS US- OUR KNOW-HOW, OUR
ECONOMIC STRENGTH, OUR SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP," HE SAID.
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS LONG AGO CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS
AT LEAST ONE ANGOLA-RELATED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SECRETARY
OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND MR. VORSTER, BUT IT WAS STATED AT
THE TIME THAT THE CABLE WAS A REJECTION OF A SOUTH AFRICAN APPEAL
TO THE UNITED STATES TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY IN THE STRUGGLE.

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